

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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After receiving additional \$3,333 in grant funds recently

Elba Rec Department planning Healthy Living Expo for Saturday, Jan. 11, in downtown Elba

Grant funds received by the City of Elba's recreation department have paved the way for a special event to be hosted Saturday, Jan. 11, in Elba.



Beverly Daniels-Hamilton, Elba's Camp EXCEL youth director/grant manager, said the Elba Rec Department will host a community engagement event, The Magic of Nutrition and Physical Activity - A Health Living Expo, on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. She said the event will feature a Walking Tour led by the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Coffee County Extension Healthy Cooking Demonstrations and Cooking Healthy on a Budget Presentations; Linda Coogan - Alaquest, Tia Chi Class and Diet and Exercise as a Medicine Presentation; Calvin Pie Allen - KLPA Creative Dancers and Fitness Instructor, Line Dancing and Zumba Classes and Commit Health Curriculum and recipe information.

The event locations for these activities will include the Elba Public Library, Elba Senior Citizens Center, former Just Folk Coffee-

house location, and the Court-house Square in downtown Elba.

Daniels-Hamilton said this should be a great community event as well as a great opportunity for citizens interested in becoming more healthy in 2020 to learn more about ways to do that.

According to Daniels-Hamilton, all this is made possible by a \$30,000 Access to Healthy Foods Grant received by the Elba Recreation Department from the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Walmart Foundation. She said the goals of the grant are to increase the number of meals served to children

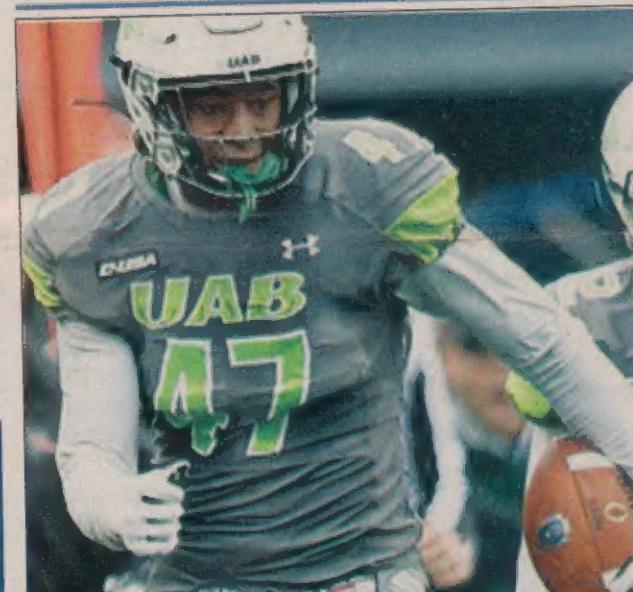
during the summer months; adopt HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) Standards; and implement a Nutrition Curriculum in the recreation department's programs.

An additional \$3,333 in grant funds presented recently to the Elba Recreation Department made way for the upcoming Jan. 11th inter-generational event.

"Our overall plans are to do this community event in January and then host a 5K Run in the Spring," Daniels-Hamilton said in regards to the recent grant funds received by the rec department.

For more information or

to participate in the event, contact Beverly Daniels-Hamilton at 334-763-0814 or excelprojectelba@gmail.com or Greg Hanchey, Elba Recreation Director, at 334-897-6833.



FORMER ELBA TIGER RECEIVES ACCOLADES AT COLLEGE LEVEL...Alex Wright, a 2019 graduate of Elba High School played Defensive End this football season for the UAB Blazers, and Wright's play earned him the collegiate honor of being named to Conference USA's 2019 Football All-Freshman Team. The former Elba Tiger has a tremendous season for the UAB Blazers. For more information on his season and the honor bestowed upon him, please see the article written on Page 7 of today's paper!

## Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m., at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

The Elba Clipper takes a look back at the top headlines from 2019

### TOP STORIES FROM JANUARY 2019

The January 3, 2019 edition reported the deaths of three young men from Elba in a car crash near Kinston, Ala. The wreck occurred Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Killed was Jakan Kyle, Quentin Bryan and Branden Nelson, all of Elba.

Many in Elba tuned in Thursday, Jan. 3, for the premiere of the new NBC network television show "The Titan Games" with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. The draw for Elba was hometown girl Dr. Ayonna Procter, age 33, of Mariposa, California, participating. Procter was a 2004 graduate of Elba High School.

Dave Sutton accepted the oath of office Monday, Jan. 14, for his fourth term as Sheriff of Coffee County during a ceremony held in New Brockton.

### TOP STORIES FROM MARCH 2019

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Thursday, Feb. 7, just after the noon hour to a house fire at 591 County Road 331. The home was engulfed in flames when the initial 911 call came in to 911 dispatch around 11:53 a.m.

The Elba City Council meeting on Monday night,

in front of the old Coffee County Jail on Putnam Street in Elba.

On Thursday, March 7, the Coffee County Board of Education approved the hire of Rudy Free to be the new head varsity football coach and a teacher at Kinston School.

Elba Street department and Water and Electric crews routinely check the flood gates, the two large pumps, the numerous flap gates in the levee and the levee itself. Monday morning, Feb. 25, the employees activated each of the three flood gates, cleaned the tracks in the roadways, oiled and greased bearings, and gears as training for employees.

### TOP STORIES FROM MARCH 2019

A special ceremony held early Friday morning, March 1, was about more than just honoring the life of Coffee County Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham, it also was about thanking today's first responders for all they do for the community. March 1<sup>st</sup> was the 40th anniversary of Sheriff Grantham being shot and killed

activity standards.

### TOP STORIES FROM APRIL 2019

On Thursday, March 7, the Coffee County Board of Education members heard a plea Thursday, April 3, from Zion Chapel student Savannah Parker for the board to reconsider a decision to drop the AP [Advance Placement] program at the high school. Parker said she was speaking on behalf of a unified Zion Chapel student body in her capacity as SGA vice president. She expressed concerns from the student body regarding a decision for the discontinuation of the AP Program.

On Thursday morning, March 14, Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Tom Anderson and Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton announced the arrest of Joey Grissett, age 46, of Coffee County Road 663 in Coffee Springs, Ala., for the suspected murder of Ricky Brown, age 56. Brown had family ties to the Kinston and Basin communities in Coffee County.

Elba Parks and Recreation received good news Wednesday, March 20, that the rec program had been awarded a \$30,000 grant. The grant came from the National Recreation and Park Association [NRPA] and the Walmart Foundation. The joint project between those two entities was to increase the number of healthy meals served to children during out-of-school times, provide evidence-based nutrition education to children and families and implement healthy eating and physical



### EDITOR'S PICK: TOP STORY OF 2019

#### Elba E911 Dispatcher delivers baby

This group of Elba Police Department employees had a night they will never forget Saturday, March 16, as dispatcher Jesse Jones (front, center) delivered a baby from inside a vehicle in front of the police department in downtown Elba. Jones said the help he received from his fellow co-workers on duty was invaluable in assuring a positive outcome to this emergency. Pictured with Jones are (front, l to r) fellow dispatchers Elizabeth Snell and Denise Boyd, right; and (back, l to r) Officer Robert Seagle and Sgt. Chase Rogers.

Just after 11 p.m. that night, Jones took a call from a frantic mother-in-law explaining her daughter-in-law was in labor and she did not feel she would make it to the hospital. Knowing Haynes Ambulance had just been dispatched to another call, Jones did not hesitate when he advised the caller to come to the police department. Jones went outside to check on the expectant mother, and he said the first thing she said to him was, "I've got to push!"

When Jones determined there was no waiting for the medics to arrive, Officer Seagle went inside to let Dispatcher Boyd know and get a new estimated time of arrival from Haynes. He said he rushed back to give that to Jones only to find out, "too late, we have a baby!"

## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."* — Bill Vaughan

Clearly a number of our readers could relate to our "lost glove" issue last week. Well it ended on a positive note as we found the missing glove at home down behind a sofa cushion. We are happy to not be purchasing a new pair of gloves but more importantly we enjoyed bringing a grandfather back to life for a short time through the memory of his personal lost glove antics.

The helicopter pilot who crashed and died in Headland recently was Doug Davis who once served as Scout Master of the Elba Boy Scout troop. We have not seen the official results of his death, but the prevailing opinion was that he had a health issue and was attempting to land safely but didn't quite make it to the ground before losing control and the chopper rolling onto its side as it neared the ground. The rest of his crew walked away from the scene.

If you have any Jewish friends – reach out to them. If you don't know what to say, just say "I'm sorry." Remember they are God's children as well as you are and the increased violence Jewish people are experiencing these days right here in the good ole US of A is deplorable. If you don't have any Jewish friends to reach out to... well reach out to one of ours with the same message.

However, there was also violence in a non-Jewish church near Ft. Worth, Texas this past weekend. Two people were killed in shotgun blasts before the shooter himself was killed. Could this be two pieces of the same puzzle??? We are of the opinion that many of these tragic killings are copycat actions by... pardon our language... nut cases. That is not the total answer as many of them are likely just mean folks who have hatred in their hearts and feel this stupidity, revenge, etc., will make things right for them.

Everything isn't bad but... i tis hard to wrap ones arms around the tragic death of three teenage girls in Geneva Christmas evening. They were out enjoying life visiting friends and comparing Christmas gifts when they hit that oak tree. It killed three of the five in the vehicle. These girls were reportedly top students, active cheerleaders, active in community and other school activities. Say a prayer for their families. Also hug your children as they go out the door... you never know what is going to happen next.

Two new multimillion-dollar wood products plants are planned for West Alabama and will utilize the Tombigbee River to ship their products to the Port of Mobile for export worldwide. This helps justify the recently announced federal funding for work on the Port of Mobile. Also the river shipping ability clears Coffee County folks from any guilt of "Why didn't you get one of those plants in our area?" The Pea River only has enough water for that kind of shipping during floods and we would rather that not happen again any time soon.

Americans are so obsessed with social media that they are souring their prize toy. Recent studies have shown that false stories are 70% more likely to be retweeted than true ones; the false stories are also six times faster reaching social media users than a true one. We have no idea why either of these facts exist, but they are here and we must live with them until a bunch of folks realize the above and say, "no more of that for me."

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Corene Daniels (seated) waves along with her daughter, Beverly Daniels-Hamilton while in port in San Juan during a 7-Day Christmas cruise enjoyed by several members of the Daniels family. At age 83, Mrs. Corene took her first-ever flight to Miami where the family boarded the Carnival Conquest cruise ship for this fun-filled adventure!

### Elba's Corene Daniels says "You're Never Too Old" to experience some things for the first time!

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burglary – first degree, and other charges are pending. His father, Ronald Morgan, was charged with obstructing a government operation.

• Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey, Lt. Russ Young, and Sgt. Wesley Hazel attended the Police Academy graduation Thursday, April 18, for new Elba Police Officer Joshua Sullivant in Selma, Ala. Officer Sullivant completed the 13-week academy training, and began his field training in Elba on Saturday, April 20, working with Sgt. Hazel.

**TOP STORIES FROM MAY 2019**

• The New Brockton Town Council on May 7th approved the appointment of Dale Grimes as new interim police chief for the Town of New Brockton. Then current police chief

Jimmy Duke was on an extended medical leave.

• Sheriff Dave Sutton said during a Coffee County Commission meeting it was his great honor to announce that Deputy Jace Holley would be receiving a Medal of Honor on Thursday, May 15, in Montgomery from Governor Kay Ivey. This was in commendation of heroic actions Deputy Holley performed June 2018 in saving three lives by pulling the victims from a burning vehicle of a motor vehicle accident in Coffee County.

• Elba teenager Joseph Cline [age 14] has a dream! That dream is to one day represent his home state of Alabama as part of Alabama's Swim Team in the Special Olympics National Games. Joseph competed with his swim team, the Wiregrass Waves, at the Special Olympics State Games, which were held on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Ala.

• The Coffee County Board of Education Thursday, May 23, accepted the resignation of Zion Chapel School principal Vohn Enloe, effective June 30th.

**TOP STORIES FROM JUNE 2019**

• Elba Police Officer Jimmy Lee "Leeb" Duke made his final stop at the Elba Police Department Monday, June 10, as a hearse from a funeral home in Greenville, Alabama carrying the officer's body stopped in front of the police station for several minutes. Duke died Sunday, June 9, at a Dothan hospital following a lengthy illness.

• The Coffee County Board of Education Thursday, June 6, approved a recommendation from superintendent Kevin Killingsworth to hire Matt Bartram as the new probationary principal for Zion Chapel High School.

• Governor Kay Ivey announced Wednesday, June 26, that Ben E. Keith, a

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**Obituaries**

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**CHARLES WAYNE HARRISON**

Mr. Charles Wayne Harrison, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Farris, Rev. Elbert Smith and Rev. Will Jordan officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Adelia Harrison, Elba; daughters: Phyllis (Kent) Williams, and Sheila Ann Harrison, both of Elba; sons: Kenneth Wayne Harrison and Timothy (Linda) Harrison, both of Elba; sisters: Betty Hicks, Elba, Mary Sue Kelley, and Annette Windham, both of New Brockton, Ala.; grandsons: Matthew Williams and Bridge Harrison, both Elba; and great-granddaughter: Braelyn Harrison, also of Elba.

**TOP STORIES FROM SEPTEMBER 2019**

• The Elba Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership banquet Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, and former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville was the keynote speaker.

Tuberville, an Arkansas native, was a highly successful college football coach at not only Auburn University, but also Ole Miss, Texas Tech and Cin-

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**Note of Thanks**

The family of George Farris is deeply thankful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult time. Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, sent flowers, cooked meals or performed other acts of kindness, you have touched our hearts.

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**Flower Arrangement Differences for Men and Women**

When it comes to offering up flowers after a person has passed, there are subtle differences between a man's funeral arrangement and a woman's funeral arrangement. Though flowers have a traditional feminine association, in reality, floral arrangements are a beautiful way to express sympathy regardless of whether the deceased was a man or a woman. They can add warmth and light to a space, and are a visual reminder that family members and friends are there to provide support.

**Choosing an arrangement for a man** When you are trying to select a floral arrangement to honor the life of a man who has passed away, you have options that contain a more masculine motif in both the type and color of flowers that are featured in the display. A viable option for a funeral flower arrangement for a male features a simple standing spray with just a few color variations, including red or white. A simple yet elegant display is the perfect choice to honor the life of the man. Common types of flowers that are used in an arrangement for a male's funeral include red, orange, white, blue, or yellow roses. Some people also choose to incorporate chrysanthemums, as they typically symbolize grief and come in masculine colors. Carnations are also a solid choice for a man's funeral arrangement, though be sure not to use yellow ones, as they typically signify disappointment.

**Choosing an arrangement for a woman** In order to express your sympathies over the death of someone's mother, wife, or daughter, consider selecting a floral arrangement that comes in pastel or more feminine shades. An arrangement for a woman who has passed tends to be more stylized in design, and may use flowers like roses, chrysanthemums, and carnations. Shades that work well for a female arrangement include pink, lavender, and yellow. Though offering flowers after the death of a loved one is a very traditional act, the arrangement you provide does not need to feel stuffy or outdated. There are plenty of ways to modernize an arrangement using contemporary styles, designs, and ideas. In fact, these arrangements are often viewed as a form of temporary modern art.

While flowers can be a beautiful way to honor a person who has passed, it is important to make sure proper etiquette allows for such an arrangement to be delivered without causing offense. For example, in some religions, floral arrangements are not allowed. This includes in a house of worship for Orthodox Jews. In the Protestant faith, only one floral arrangement is permitted in the space, meaning it is probably advisable not to send the flowers to the house of worship. When you understand the protocol for that particular religion, you can offer a kind gift without inadvertently offending anyone.

the late Giles "Coot" Hudson and Ashton Galimore, both of Andalusia; great-granddaughter: Elizabeth Colley, Troy; great-grandson: Jackson Bass, Troy; and a sister: Lynda Galimore (Joe) Flowers, Dothan, Ala.

**LORENE BROWN**

Ms. Lorene Brown age 83 of New Brockton, Ala., died December 18, 2019, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba, directing.

Survivors include her two children: Kevin (Vickie) Blanks and Felicia (Jonathan) Walden; two grandchildren: Jordan Walden and Taylor Walden; her sister: Merle (Johnny) McInnis; and her brother: Steve (Carolyn) Hudson.

She was born on October 9, 1936, the second child to Velma and John D. Caldwell. At the age of 18 Lorene married Roy Belcher and moved to Lake Wales Fla., where she started a family. Ultimately, she gave birth to eleven children. Lorene later married Carlisle Brown. After her retirement in St. Petersburg, Fla., she moved back to Elba a couple of years ago.

She was preceded in death by two sons – Steven Belcher and Anthony Belcher; her only sister – Catherine Caldwell-Neal; five brothers - Wilbert Caldwell, Cecil Caldwell (Clara remains), Zelma Caldwell (Josie remains), Bobby Caldwell and Adolph Caldwell; numerous grandchildren - Temisha, Kerry, Tron, Curry, Tamara, Neco, Chanese, Shawn, Alonzo; Rimeco, Michele Jr., Jerrine; Sidney, Kendall, Kolby, Glen II, Nedia, Robert, Bryan, Travis, Symone, Ishmael, Jasmine, Derrick Jr., Elijah and Tymel.

Survivors include her children: Patricia Belcher-Bolton (Jack), Hepzibah Ga., Roy D. Belcher, Riverview, Fla., Phyllis Belcher, Augusta Ga., Juanita Belcher-Aldine (Michele), New Port Richey, Fla., Cornelius Belcher (Cathey) McDonough Ga., Glen Belcher, (Nedia), and Angela Belcher, both of Augusta, Derrick Isham, Apopka Fla., and Darren Isham, St. Petersburg, Fla.; one brother: James Caldwell, Andalusia, Ala., grandsons: Hunter (Shelby) Bass, Brody Marsh, Kolby Galimore, all of Troy, Layne Galimore, and a large host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

**MANUEL R. "MAC" GALIMORE**

Mr. Manuel R. "Mac" Galimore, age 75, a resident of the Pine Level Community, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2019 from Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Ben Amlong and Rev. Olan Strickland officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requests contributions be made to Pine Level Cemetery Fund, c/o Carol Wilson, 1055 N. Claxton Ave. Elba, AL 36323.

Mac was preceded in death by his parents, Willardine Nelson Galimore and Wilmer Galimore, along with a sister, Brenda Galimore Ethridge, and a brother, Wilmer Lamar Galimore.

Survivors include his wife: Diana Bryan Galimore, Elba; sons: Warren (April) Galimore, Springhill, Ala., Todd Galimore, Elba; daughter: Stacy (Travis) Marsh, Troy, Ala.; granddaughters: Brittany (Jace) Colley, Troy, Presley Galimore, Andalusia, Ala., grandsons: Hunter (Shelby) Bass, Brody Marsh, Kolby Galimore, all of Troy, Layne Galimore, and a large host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Reflections

GUEST COLUMN BY MICHAEL J. BROOKS

### Welcome 2020

It was so long ago that the principal at the elementary school greeted us at a school program and said, "This is the class of 2000!" All us parents laughed, not having thought of what lay in store 12 years ahead. The graduation year came and went without major incident, despite the Y2K fears. Now we stand on the verge of another momentous year: 2020.

There's something encouraging about a new year. Maybe the turning of the calendar page or putting a new blotter on the desktop is psychological—we think of new beginnings. We think about aspects of our lives that can be different.

A friend has lost more 40 pounds in the last few months. He told me he realized he'd been a slave to food and got winded when bending to tie his shoes. Now he looks and feels better and sleeps without his sleep apnea machine. All it took was a good and hard look at his alternatives, and he made a new choice.

We do this, too, with money. We can choose the latest fashion, the largest house and the shiniest automobile in the neighborhood, living beyond our means, or we can get realistic with our needs and quit trying to impress.

Another friend told about going to his insurance agent to update information after purchasing a new car. The agent asked who the lien holder was, and he said none—he paid cash. The agent remarked he didn't hear this much. My friend said he heard the late financial counselor Larry Burkett years ago encouraging listeners to continue making car payments to themselves after their cars were paid off, thus saving for the next purchase. Burkett helped many people get out of debt with this and other practical advice. Dave Ramsey does this today, and most often at a higher decibel level!

Relationships offer fertile ground for change as well. I've known sisters and brothers from the same families who grew angry over this and that and ended relationships. The older I get the more puzzled I am over this. Life is short and family is important. Like the prodigal son in Jesus's story discovered, home and family may be all we have in a time of need.

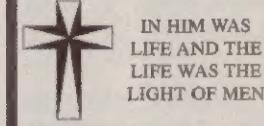
When seeking restoration it's normally not helpful to dredge up and analyze the past. It's more beneficial to be humble, to express heartfelt sorrow for brokenness and to ask permission to start again.

Another relationship that may need attention is with the God who gave us life. We're assured he stands ready to greet us with mercy in the new year. He wants us to ready the uncharted paths of 2020 in partnership with him.

*Reflections is a devotional column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala.*

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LIGHT OF MEN

**ABUNDANT GRACE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BASIS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sam P. Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**

Rev. Deborah A. Butler-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Ton Seau, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH**

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METH-  
ODIST**

Rev. Remonia Smith

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE  
CHURCH**

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH**

Lowell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHOD-  
IST CHURCH**

Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

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**NEW HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHOD-  
IST CHURCH**

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

**HILL ASSEMBLY OF  
GOD**

Shirlee Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Tom Sean, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

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## LIFESTYLES



**ELBA'S NEWEST ROTARIAN**..The Elba Rotary Club recently inducted its newest member, Rev. Steve Reneau of Elba United Methodist Church. Above, Reneau (right) is being welcomed by Club President, Justin Maddox. Rotary's mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. For information on getting involved, contact Justin Maddox or Tonya Jones.



Heather Deal (right) receives the "Teacher of the Month" award from Southeast Insurance's Ronnie Young.

### Harrand Creek Elementary teacher receives teacher of the month award

Southeast Insurance & Real Estate in Elba recently awarded its November "Teacher of the Month" honor to Heather Deal, a fourth grade teacher at Harrand Creek Elementary School in Enterprise, Ala. Deal teaches math and science.

### Republican Women of Coffee County to meet Jan. 15th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

The program will be a Congressional District 2 Representative Candidate Forum.

### Arts Alliance brings Masters of Soul to Enterprise on Jan. 16th

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health will present Masters of Soul – A Motown Music Review on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

In the early 60's some of the most iconic names in the history of popular music were discovered in the Motor City of Detroit, Mich., better known, simply, as MOTOWN. MASTERS OF SOUL is a celebration of these artists, their music and style. The show features stylishly costumed fully choreographed tributes to both male and female groups backed by a live band. Hear the big hits of The Temptations, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, the Four Tops, Diana Ross & The Supremes, The Jackson Five, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Barry White, Stevie Wonder and the Commodores.

The 2019-2020 season dedicated to the memory of Dr. Emmett T. Brumson. The Platinum Corporate Sponsor for this performance is the City of En-



terprise.

For season and individual tickets or information, visit the website at [www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com](http://www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com) or call 334.406.2787.

Tickets available at these locations:

- David's Westgate Beauty Salon • 334-347-4247 • Enterprise
- Redbrick Pizza (next to Publix) • 334-475-2156 • Enterprise
- MWR Central – Soldier Service Center • 334-255-2997 • Ft Rucker Scrubs 101 (behind Atlanta Bread Co) • 334-671-9101 • Dothan

Individual ticket prices: Purchased in advance: \$30 for adults, \$10 for students; or Purchased at the event: \$35 for adults, \$10 for students

### Troy Bank and Trust gives away giant Christmas stockings

Each year, the Troy Bank & Trust KidsAdvantage Club sponsors a Giant Christmas Stocking Giveaway. This year's winner for Pike County is Bella Fuller. The winner for Houston, Dale and Lee County is Henry Gay. The winner in Coffee County is Ashlee Owens.

The Troy Bank & Trust KidsAdvantage Club is a savings account designed especially for children under the age of 12. For more information, contact a Universal Banker at any Troy Bank & Trust location.



Coffee County winner, Ashlee Owens and Elba Branch Loan Officer Rene Lambert.

### All seniors age 60 and older encouraged to join fun at Elba Senior Citizens Center

The Elba Senior Citizens Center encourages all seniors – age 60 and older – to join the center for lots of fun, activities and more.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify for, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. A senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign up for programs that they may qualify for to receive assistance.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a

social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center, stop by or call 897-3019. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave., Elba. Also, seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to home. Contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Center director, for more information.

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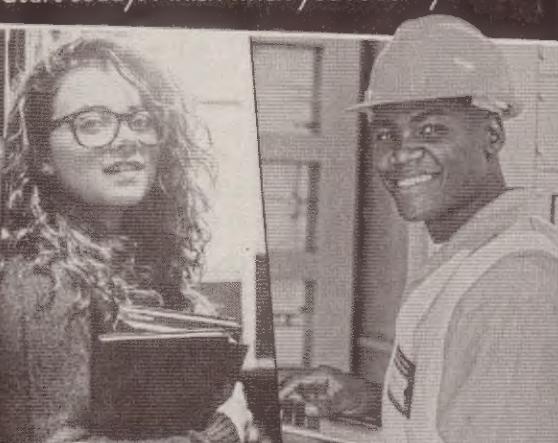
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**City Privilege Licenses**  
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and delinquent

**February 1, 2020**

**Penalties will be assessed if license is not purchased prior to February 1.**

**For further information or to purchase a license, please contact Amy L. Sewell at (334) 897-2333.**

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**Sally Bane, City Clerk**

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### Get a healthy start in 2020 with the Alabama Tobacco Quitline

Ringing in the New Year is often seen as a chance to get a fresh start. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) encourages Alabama's smokers to start a healthier, tobacco- and vape-free life with the help of the Alabama Tobacco Quitline.

Using the Alabama Tobacco Quitline is simple: Alabama residents can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit [quitnowalabama.com](http://quitnowalabama.com) for free help.

"Many people make that New Year's resolution to quit smoking, but too often they try to do it by themselves and end up failing," said ADPH Tobacco Prevention and Control Program cessation manager Monica Moore. "What we're offering through the Quitline is an improved chance at success because you're going to get the support you need to succeed."

That support includes individualized coaching services available over the telephone or online seven days a week from 6 a.m. to midnight. Residents who are medically eligible and enrolled in the Quitline

program can also receive up to eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT).

Moore said using the Quitline will not only provide immediate health benefits to the smoker, but to the smoker's family, friends, and co-workers as well.

"Children exposed to secondhand smoke see an increased risk in sudden infant death syndrome and respiratory infections, among other things," Moore said. "Adults can see their risk of stroke and lung and heart disease grow because of secondhand smoke as well."

"With the Quitline, we're offering a chance to not only improve and protect your own health, but the health of your loved ones also."

In Alabama, 19.2 percent of adults are smokers compared to the national rate of 16.1 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death and disease in the nation, and kills more than 8,600 adults in Alabama each year. Annually, the state spends more than \$1.88 billion in health care costs directly caused by smoking.

Concern over the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products is growing as the CDC continues to investigate a national outbreak of lung disease associated with e-cigarettes and vaping products. As of December 10, over 2,400 cases of e-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury have been reported to the CDC from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. ADPH has confirmed 13 cases of this lung disease as of December 26. One Alabama resident has died due to this lung disease.

For additional information on electronic cigarettes and their health effects, visit [www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm). For more information on quitting tobacco, please visit ADPH Tobacco Prevention and Control at [alabamapublichealth.gov/tobacco](http://alabamapublichealth.gov/tobacco).

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson isn't a hunter, but does love his 'Nurf' guns and pistols, and now has an arsenal after Santa brought him several more to add to his collection. The weapons all use the same foam bullets that don't hurt his victims. However, he does have pretty good aim and when you go to battle with him you do get stung. Believe me, I am an easy target!*

#### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **The Elba Lady Tigers wrapped up** their busy early-season schedule over the holidays with two wins at a tournament in Red Level, and heading into area play next week have now played a total of 15 games against 15 different teams. Coach Shaun Hammonds put together the busy schedule that included four tournaments, so that his team could see a variety of styles of play against a variety of teams, and in rolling to a 10-5 record posted wins over such opponents as Georgiana, Houston County, Carroll, Luverne, Houston Academy, Pike County and Highland Home. The five losses were disappointing to the girls, but three of them came to second ranked Class 2A power Geneva County, 12-2 3A power Straughn, and 3A power Geneva, with the other two coming to a pair of Florida schools. The Lady Tigers have good size, are very quick and play aggressive on both ends of the court, and if they will work hard and keep improving they should threaten for an area title.

\*\*\* **Most of the teams in the area used** the holidays to get in some extra work in the gym, but the Brantley Bulldogs did compete in a couple of tournaments and have emerged as a threat to claim an area title. The Bulldogs play extremely hard on both ends of the court and can really shoot the ball. Their early-season win streak got snapped at a tournament in Red Level, but the Bulldogs are for real and will win a lot more games as the season rolls along.

\*\*\* **Back when Elba Tiger multi-sport standout Alex Wright signed with UAB to play football** I thought he had made a mistake and that his future in college sports would be on the basketball court. Boy was I wrong! Alex turned into one of the best defensive players in Conference USA as an outside linebacker with the Blazers and was named to the 2019 'All-Freshman' team for his exploits. The tall and lanky defensive standout was just that at Elba High and dominated only when he got fired up, but at UAB the coaches have fine-tuned his talents and made the most of his unique length to make him almost unblockable at his position. His position coach insists Wright can be a first round pick in the NFL if he keeps working, and all his fans here in Elba are pulling for him to work hard, improve and make all Elba Tiger fans proud.

\*\*\* **In closing....** It is a little hard to believe, but when the high schools get back from the holidays it will be time for the baseball and softball teams to begin practice. The opening week of the seasons aren't until Feb. 13, but it will be time to start throwing and I imagine there will be some cold afternoons ahead.

### Alex Wright named to 2019 CUSA 'All Freshman' team



ALEX WRIGHT

Conference USA handed out its post-season honors recently and named to the '2019 All-Freshman' team by a vote of the conference's 14 head coaches was former Elba Tiger standout Alex Wright.

Wright, a 6-4, 235-pound, outside linebacker, made a total of 28 tackles during his first year with the Blazers, including 8½ tackles for losses, 4½ sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 forced fumble and 3 quarterback hurries.

The All-Freshman team included four players from Florida Atlantic University, three each from North Texas, Southern Mississippi and Western Kentucky, and two from UAB, as well as one from other schools.

Wright's biggest games of the season came against Southern Miss, Florida Atlantic and North Texas, when he made 4 tackles in all three games, while he also shined against SEC power Tennessee, with 3 tackles and 1½ tackles for losses.

In a feature article published in AL.com, by Mark Almond, Wright stated, "Coming in I just had to get the feel of things. Feeling out the first few games, trusting in my coach and the techniques he taught me. I

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Elba Lady Tiger head coach Shaun Hammonds talks with his team during a time-out during a recent win. The Lady Tigers improved their record to 10-5 with two wins last week at a tournament in Red Level, and will tipoff area play Jan. 7 at home against Kinston.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

### Improve record to 10-5 Lady Tigers pick up two tournament wins

The Elba Lady Tigers concluded their busy holiday schedule last week at the 22nd annual Red Level Christmas Tournament and posted two wins in three games to improve their record to 10-5 on the season.

Following are highlights of all three games in the tournament:

#### Crestview 65 Elba 37

The Lady Tigers tipped off tourney action against 6A Crestview and held their own for three quarters before running out of gas in a 65-37 loss.

Elba managed only one field goal and hit only 2 of 11 free throws in the opening stanza to allow Crestview to race out to a 14-4 lead. However, the Lady Tigers battled back in the second quarter and led by the play of Nina Williams and a late 3-pointer by Celeste Edwards used a 17-2 run to carry a 21-16 lead at the half.

Williams continued to get to the basket in the third quarter, but Crestview picked up the pace on defense and took advantage of Lady Tiger turnovers to regain the lead and went on top 38-30 heading into the fourth quarter. Elba cut the lead to 38-33 early in the final stanza on a three-point play by Jaylyn Baker, but Crestview closed the game with a 27-4 run to runaway and claim the 65-37 win.

Nina Williams scored 16 points and Jaylyn Baker added 8 to lead Elba, while Halee Duncan scored 20 points to lead Crestview.

**C'view (65):** Reese 4, Simmons 15, Bonilla 14, Casey 10, Goldsmith 1, Duncan 20, Senn 1.

**Elba (37):** Baker 8, N. Williams 16, M. Williams 2, Sanders 1, Edwards 6, Hooks 4.

**Elba 46 Red Level 36**

The Lady Tigers led all the way to claim a second round 46-36 win over Red

Level, in losers bracket play.

Elba jumped out to a 9-0 lead with 4:22 remaining in the opening quarter sparked by four points from Nina Williams and a 3-pointer from deep in the corner by Melissa Williams, but the Lady Tigers failed to score in the final four minutes of the stanza and watched as Red Level pulled within 9-5.

Jaylyn Baker sparked a Lady Tiger rally early in the second quarter as Elba regained command and upped its lead to 17-8 with 3:14 left in the stanza. However, the Lady Tigers again went into a scoring drought and added only one point the remainder of the quarter and at the half went in with a slim 18-16 advantage.

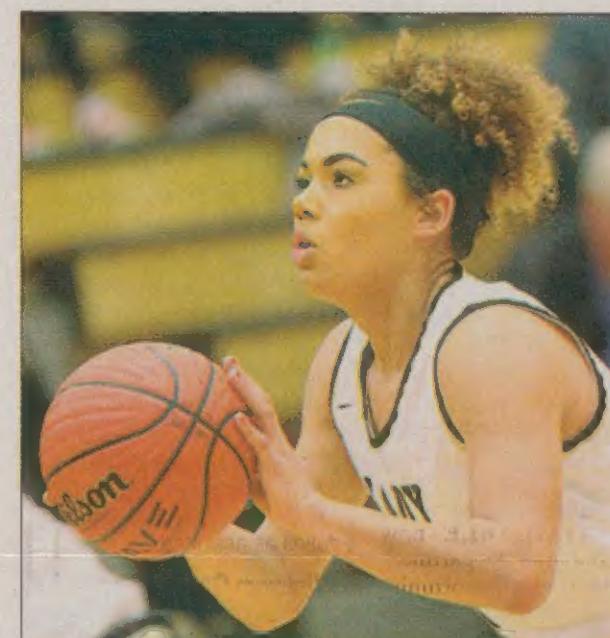
The Lady Tigers regained command again early in the third quarter and led by the play of Freedra Hooks and Jaylyn Baker stretched their lead to 27-18 with 4:39 left in the quarter, only to see Red Level battle back and cut the Lady Tigers lead to 29-25 heading into the final stanza.

Jaylyn Baker sparked an early 6-0 Elba run that pushed the Lady Tigers lead to 35-25 with 4:38 left on the clock, but Red Level once again rallied and pulled within 35-32 with 3:03 remaining. A three-point play by Nina Williams helped slow down the Red Level rally, and when Williams added two free throws with 1:57 left the Lady Tigers were on top 42-32 and this time held on and claimed the impressive 46-36 win.

Jaylyn Baker and Nina Williams both scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Liz Cross led Red Level with 19 points.

**Elba (46):** Baker 14, N. Williams 14, U. Chism 2, M. Williams 7, Hooks 9.

**R.L. (36):** Cross 19, Wilkerson 7, Joyner 2, Carroll 5, Sanders 3.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker eyes the goal as she prepares to shoot a free throw. Baker was named to the 'All-Tournament' team for her play at the Red level Christmas Tournament.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

#### Elba 51 High. Home 22

The Lady Tigers closed out tournament play with a solid 51-22 romp past Highland Home.

The Lady Tigers lead grew to 39-10 early in the third quarter on a three-point play by Jaylyn Baker, and while the Lady Tigers went deep into their bench for the remainder of the game, they never stopped scoring and Undraya Chism added a late 3-pointer to put the icing on the lopsided 51-22 win.

Nina Williams was on target early and sparked Elba to an early 9-0 lead on a 3-pointer from deep in the corner, while Jaylyn Baker took charge inside and Freedra Hooks scored late in the stanza on a steal and a layup to send the Lady Tigers into the second quarter with a 17-10 lead.

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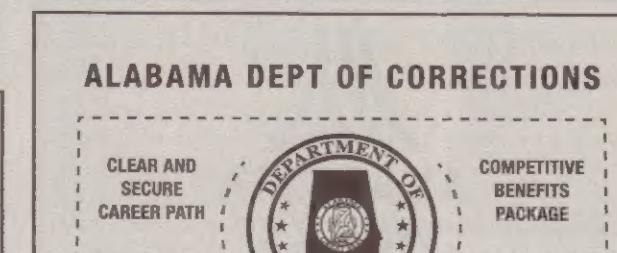
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Food preservation workshop set for Feb. 1st at Landmark Park

On Saturday, Feb. 1, to 25 participants and learn all about food preservation--from canning, drying, freezing and more--with Bridgette Brannon, a regional extension agent in food safety and quality.

This class will last about an hour and half and will give participants an overview of food preservation. It will also touch on gardening topics such as what to plant, when to plant and when to harvest for best results.

This workshop is limited

to 25 participants and registration is required. Registration can be made online at [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com).

Thanks to the support of the Wiregrass RC&D, this workshop is free to participants. This will take place at 10 a.m. on Feb. 1st in the Interpretive Center Auditorium.

Landmark Park is located on U.S. Hwy 431 North, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle.

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**Danny's Dozier is shown cleaning up the last of the debris from the Bullard home located on Newton Street in Elba.** The home was owned by Bobby and Elaine (Peepie) Bullard. They had lived there for years following the death of Bobby's mother, Mrs. Bessie Bullard. However, as the house aged, repairs became more and more frequent and reached a point where the couple decided it was more practical for them to move than undertake the major repairs needed.

As the City of Elba embarked on the long-range project of upgrading housing in Elba the couple decided to just remove the old house rather than leave it for the City to remove and place a lien on the property for the cost of the removal. Those costs would include the actual removal and related legal notices, hearings, etc. The removal was done several weeks ago, and green grass is already growing where the house once stood.

## REVIEW

cinnati before retiring from coaching.

On Monday, Sept. 16, the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) issued a Fire Danger Advisory for all 67 Alabama counties effective immediately until rainfall is received. Current drought conditions and persistent high temperatures have combined to create a high probability of fuel ignition and an atmosphere favorable for wildfires.

The Elba Water and Electric Board received word Monday, Sept. 23, that it had been approved for a \$4.4 million loan and \$1 million grant from USDA, if the board chose to accept it. The catch...the board had less than 24 hours to make a decision. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to accept the funds.

During a special called meeting Monday morning, Sept. 30, the Elba Board of Education voted to accept the resignation of Pate Harrison as a physical education teacher and head football coach at Elba High School.

### TOP STORIES FROM OCTOBER 2019

The finishing touches to the TJ Northey Memorial Playground at Elba City Schools were spread all over the ground with the help of Elba students, teachers, administrators and community members. Rubber mulch was provided for the playground through a grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). The ADEM funding was made possible through the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund and the ADEM Scrap Tire Marketing Program which develops and assists projects to highlight the use of recycled tire materials.

City and state officials gathered Thursday morning, Oct. 10, at the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba, Alabama for the dedication ceremony of a new T-Hanger that already is fully occupied with six airplanes. The new T-hangers were filled before construction was even completed, and those lucky enough to get one of the six slots certainly have a top-notch building to store their aircraft in at the Elba airport.

A bit of rainy weather did not dampen any spirits Wednesday, Oct. 16, just outside of New Brockton on

Coffee County, Alabama land when the shovels dug into the dirt and ground officially was broken on the construction of Ben E. Keith Foods new Southeast Division Distribution Center. This center will contain 423,681 square foot of state-of-the-art equipment, offices, and more over 118 acres of land. There also will be an opportunity for future expansion on the Ben E. Keith Southeast Division Distribution Center site in Coffee County.

The Elba Fire Department moved one step closer to acquiring an air boat Monday evening, Oct. 28, when the Elba City Council approved a bid for purchase of the boat. Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker said the acquisition of the air boat for river rescue had been included in the department's budget as a capital expenditure expense for this year. He said with the river in its current condition, especially with the drought conditions this year, the department has had no way to get to those stranded on the river. He explained, however, the benefits of an air boat to allow the department better access to those stranded on the river and in need of rescue.

### TOP STORIES FROM NOVEMBER 2019

Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock announced he was happy to finally receive good news from the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] regarding the flood buyout from the December 2015 flood, just shy of the 4-year mark of the local disaster. The mayor said FEMA had made its final approval and funding for the flood of December 2015, and the process is now in the hands of AEMA [Alabama Emergency Management Agency]. The 75 percent cost-share project has a total cost of \$4,134,873 with FEMA's share being \$3,101,155.

The Elba High School Alumni Association answered a call for assistance when a \$4,000 check was presented to Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley to help with the purchase and installation of a new Public Announcing System at Tiger Stadium.

Coffee County Board of Education members held their annual board meeting Thursday, Nov. 7, and while

### TOP STORIES FROM DECEMBER 2019

The Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Dec. 9, revolved mostly around special recognitions for Colonel Charles Webb (Ret.) and his wife Gloria Webb. The recognitions were led by the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency. Webb was first appointed Coffee County EMA director in December 1990, and he and wife Gloria were the founders of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board where they served until July 2019 when they officially retired.

Elba firefighter Josh Mack was named the department's firefighter of the year during an awards ceremony held Monday night, Dec. 9, at the Elba Fire Department.

Local firefighters, including volunteers from Elba and Five Star, worked Monday morning, Dec. 23, to extinguish a fire that destroyed Dave's Wood Working Shop, located on Coffee County Road 221 in Coffee County.

### Adams stays on top of Eufaula's wintertime crappie

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gets a little windy, he'll use a second split-shot to keep the bow out of his line.

The reason he uses the high-viz line is because it's a lot easier to watch during the sunny, clear days.

"Obviously, you watch your rod tip, but I also watch that line," Adams said. "Sometimes crappie will bite and come up with it. You can tell by the slack in the line that you've got a fish."

When Adams hits the lake, he always has a bait bucket or two with plenty of minnows.

"Well," I said, "You haven't been crappie fishing with Tony Adams."

Adams is the fish-catching wizard who can catch crappie any time of year on his home impoundment — Lake Eufaula.

Although Eufaula is known as the "Bass Capitol of the World," Adams spends most of his time on the water catching crappie. When most folks in the outdoors community are in the woods chasing whitetails or cottontails, Adams is locating the likely spots where crappie congregate this time of year.

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"I find structure in 15 to 20 feet of water," said Adams, who manages the Eufaula Marvin's building supply store when he's not catching crappie.

"When I see the fish on the Humminbird, I'll drop down a minnow anywhere from 8 to 10 to 12 feet, depending on where the fish are holding."

Adams uses 10-foot

B&M poles and spinning reels with 6-pound-test, high-viz line. When the fish are deeper in the winter, he uses a No. 2 gold hook and a split-shot pinched 12 to 18 inches above the hook. If it

spawning, I'll put structure out in deeper water," said Adams, who uses mainly bamboo but will also sink crepe myrtles and small cedars. "I'll take a 5-gallon bucket, fill it about halfway with water, I'll pour in some concrete mix. I'll have the bamboo already trimmed at the bottom and start sticking it into the concrete. I'll make sure the bamboo is sticking in every direction.

Then I'll look for spots where the new structure will cover about half the water column. If I'm going to put it out in 20 feet of water, I'll have the bamboo about 10 feet tall.

"Right about Memorial Day is when the crappie are back on that heavy structure in the middle of the lake," he said.

Adams prefers to hook his minnow through the bottom lip and through the hard cartilage on the front of the head to allow more action from the bait.

"In the wintertime I try to keep the bait right at about the depth the fish are holding," he said. "Then we just wait to see that rod tip bounce or go down and then pull in a slab."

Of course, the weather plays a significant role in his fishing success during the winter, especially the wind. The cold doesn't bother him. He just adds more clothes. It's the wind that dictates his strategy.

"During the winter, the less wind there is, the better the fishing I can do," he said. "You have to keep the bait in front of the crappie most of the time. The fish are in big schools on the structure. The more time you can have that minnow in front of the crappie, the better your chances of catching them."

Adams said the wintertime pattern kicks off on Lake Eufaula around the first of December, and crappie will remain on structure until the weather starts to warm in February.

"In the middle of February, they'll start moving into the mouths of the creeks to do some pre-spawning," he said.

"We'll start catching a lot more fish in the creeks. Then when they move up to spawn, we'll catch a lot of fish in the creeks. That's when I start throwing jigs around the grass, the rocks and bridge pilings. I'll be shooting (casting underneath) docks because the fish are getting shallow.

On Lake Eufaula, it seems

the bigger fish come up first.

"In the spring, sometimes they're in 12 inches of water all the way down to 5 feet of water. Some of them spawn in 5 feet of water. Sometimes they'll spawn deeper than at other times."

Adams will do two things while the crappie are in their transition period from spawn to summer. He catches plenty of catfish, but he also makes sure plenty of structure will be available to fish for the summertime and wintertime patterns.

Although we didn't use any types of bobbers to catch the fish, I'm sure my mom won't mind when I fry her up a batch of fillets from the 38 crappie we put in the ice chest.

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